

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are proud to congratulate Patricia Anne Polos  
4 of Chicago for her dedicated commitment and volunteer service  
5 to AARP; and

6 WHEREAS, Patricia Polos was born November 28, 1921 in  
7 Indianapolis to Florence and Walter Fletcher; she married  
8 Harry Fred Polos on February 20, 1950; and she has two  
9 children, Michael and Richard, and five grandchildren,  
10 Jessica, Mathew, Theodore, Zachary, and Bradley, with another  
11 on the way; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Polos earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social  
13 Sciences from Mundelein College and took advanced work in  
14 Urban Studies at Roosevelt University; and

15 WHEREAS, She was a Legislative Assistant to State Senator  
16 Esther Saperstein from 1968 to 1972; she was engaged in  
17 campaign management and lobbying from 1972 to 1980; she was  
18 an Administrative Assistant to State Senator Howard Carroll  
19 from 1980 to 1986; and she was a communications consultant  
20 specializing in political and legislative campaigns from 1986  
21 until her retirement; and

22 WHEREAS, She has been a State Legislative Committee  
23 Member for AARP since 1992, a coordinator of Chicago Area  
24 Legislative Activities for AARP since 1994, and a member of  
25 AARP's Volunteer Lobby Team since 1995; she earned AARP's  
26 Partnership for Excellence Award for her work on Assisted  
27 Living Licensure in 1999, and in 2001 she earned AARP's  
28 Bright Star for Seniors Award for her years of service and  
29 outstanding commitment to Illinois seniors; and

30 WHEREAS, She continues to be the leading advocate in  
31 Springfield for Illinois ratification of the ERA; she is an

1 advocate for the development of assisted living facilities in  
2 Illinois as well as appropriate regulation and oversight; and  
3 she is a passionate lobbyist in Springfield on behalf of  
4 senior issues and women's rights; and

5 WHEREAS, She served on the Community Mental Health Board  
6 of Chicago for over 30 years, holding the position of Vice  
7 Chair; she was formerly the Legislative Chair for the  
8 Illinois Older Women's League (OWL) and President of the Loop  
9 Chapter of OWL; and she was formerly President of ERA  
10 Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Pat has come to our experience here in  
12 Springfield with a genuine concern and tremendous energy on  
13 behalf of retired persons; and

14 WHEREAS, Pat, in her demure and quiet fashion, has  
15 influenced immeasurably legislation affecting women and  
16 seniors of our State; and

17 WHEREAS, Pat will forever enjoy a fond place in the  
18 hearts and minds of all Illinois legislators who know her; we  
19 pray for her continued good health and swift return to us  
20 here in her State Capitol; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we congratulate Patricia Anne Polos for her exemplary service  
24 to AARP and for her work on state policy issues over the  
25 years; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
27 presented to Patricia Anne Polos as an expression of our  
28 respect and esteem.